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## OPEN ROME'S PRISON HOUSES IN AMERICA!

Let the Light Into the Dungeons; Open the Charnel Houses; Dry the Tears of the Wretched and Cheer the Hearts of the Desolate.

The way infants born to the nuns in the "Black Nunnery" were murdered, is described by Maria Monk, as follows: "The priest puts oil upon the heads of the infants, as is the custom before baptism. When he had baptized the children, they were taken one after another, by one of the old nuns, in the presence of all; she pressed her hand upon the mouth and nose of the first so tight that it could not breathe, and in a few minutes when the hand was removed it was dead. She then took another and treated it in the same manner. No sound was heard, and the children were corpses. The greatest indifference was shown by all present during this operation; for all, as well as I knew, were accustomed to such scenes. The little bodies were then taken into the cellar, thrown into the pit and covered with lime. No attempt was made to keep any of the inmates in ignorance of the murder of children."



After relating how the convents were suppressed in Italy, Dowling in his "History of Romanism" makes the following appeal to Americans. We wish it might be read by everyone who claims that the encroachments of Romanism are but the harmless advances of a branch of the Christian church:

"Is it not enough to make the very blood of an American father or brother boil with indignation to think that hundreds of daughters and sisters of America are, at this moment, immured in these gloomy prison houses, many of them, doubtless, pining and longing for their liberty, and yet that there is no one out of the Romish church that has the legal right of access to them, however nearly related, and no law which establishes the right even of inspection and inquiry as to the treatment of these helpless females? Does anyone doubt that many of such young persons, probably induced to enter these institutions at a time of life when their judgment is feeble and their imagination strong, are compelled to remain against their will? That few of them would remain if permitted to exercise free volition, is a certainty founded on all we know of human nature. It is useless to argue about it. The situation of these women is utterly unnatural, and must be intolerably irksome until the established mind loses its power to struggle against misery."

Moreover, a number of nuns have, from time to time, escaped. Alas! that this word should, in this country, be the only one applicable to the departure of a woman from a house where she has been kept without legal authority. The story told by these is invariably the same. They all have become disgusted with convent life; they all have been eagerly desirous of departure; they all have been carefully watched by their keepers; and they all declare that many, unable to escape, are pining miserably in their cloisters.

"Supposing that the real purpose of these houses is religious—admitting all that the priests would have us believe of their own superhuman purity—yet it is horrible that women should be kept in these places after they have found their mistake in going into them. What ground can the priests have for retaining them when no longer nuns at heart? Is it not apparent that if all was right in these places, the priests would expel every woman whom they found apostate in soul? Is it reasonable to suppose that they would detain by force, as a bride of the Devil, a young woman whose heart was utterly unfaithful to her vows?"

"It is plain enough that the priests have other than religious views and

maxims in relation to convents. Much also has been revealed of the abominations practiced in these places. It has been proclaimed to the world, upon the authority of Catholics themselves, that houses of religion where young women are under the control of Catholic priests, are liable to be perverted into places of shocking licentiousness and most unmitigated despotism over the hearts, minds, and persons of the nuns. In Catholic countries, again and again, ecclesiastical authorities, as we have shown, have searched into these matters, and proclaimed the horrible wickedness of the nunneries; and in our own country, now and then, a wretched woman has contrived to make known to the American people the fact that foreign ecclesiastics are repeating in the convents the conduct charged upon them in Europe."

"It is not at all necessary to adduce individual instances, however easy the task, in order to confirm suspicion of the wrong done to American women in convents. No body of men would be likely to have unrestricted power over women without abusing it; and of all men, the Catholic priests, from the nature of their relation to society, are the least likely to be blameless under these circumstances. When opportunity is continual, restraint is self, secrecy secured, exposure fully guarded against, it needs no record to inform us of the consequence."

"These women are not under the protection of the law. The law has no knowledge of them; they have no access to it except at the will of those who keep the keys of their prisons. The law provides that a wife shall have protection against her husband. She may at any time go before a magistrate and make complaint against him, and the magistrate will do her justice, even though he should send the husband to prison. The father has not uncontrolled authority over the daughter. The law shields her against harshness. Were it known that a husband kept his wife locked up, or a father his daughter, an officer of the law would soon inquire into the cause. The woman would have leave to speak, and to speak to those able and ready to redress her wrongs. The state itself is not at liberty to keep a female in prison without permitting inspection by the grand jury, that great vigilance committee, which always watches over personal liberty and right."

"But what a husband may not do, what a father may not do, what the state may not do, is freely accorded to foreign priests that we know not of, except that in the land whence they came men's hearts are sick and their souls weary because of them. The priests may keep the nuns locked up,

nobody interferes; they may offer them the grossest insults, inflict upon them the utmost outrages, and the poor victims cannot make complaint. No grand jury enters these portals, which, once closed upon the nuns, shut them in from all the devices of society for the protection of person. When a nun is removed, nobody knows it; when she dies, nobody necessarily knows it—there are no coroners' inquests in nunneries. Are such places as these suitable abodes for the daughters and sisters of American freemen?"

"American convents, awed into at least an appearance of decency by the Protestant sentiment of the country, may throw a more impenetrable veil of concealment over their dark proceedings; but human nature is the same everywhere; their character is the same; no less than Italian convents are they all dark prison houses to those who enter them, of slavery, misery, corruption, and despair. Strange that they should ever exist in these free and enlightened United States! Stranger still that they should sometimes grow and flourish through the patronage and support of Protestant America! But, stranger of all that American politicians should sell themselves to Rome, and buy Catholic votes with subsidies drawn from the pockets of Protestant taxpayers to these un-American, popish institutions!"

### A CLERICAL PARTY HERE

The Roman Catholic hierarchy in America is the greatest combination of politicians in the United States.

The main purpose of the "Clerical Party" is to advance Catholicism, and the means to be used: First, Political action, chiefly thru Roman Catholic men societies. Second, by the destruction of state public schools and substituting therefor the Roman Catholic public school, or, if failing in this, a division of the school money for sectarian purposes, which, if it is successful, would destroy and render ineffective public education which is a necessity in a nation like ours. Third, the boycott, with power in the political field the Roman Catholic party in America would set in motion the boycott on the economic plain and compel subservience both in the politician and the small business man.

All these forces are in active

operation in America to-day. The politicians, early in the season, got on their knees to Rome in Baltimore, at the Cardinal's function the 6th of June last.

This was followed up by a meeting in Columbus, Ohio, of "The American Federation of Catholic Societies," a union of all the Catholic societies in the country. At this gathering the political aspirations of the hierarchy showed themselves with the hateful un-American boycott.

Further demonstrations during the year culminated with a sermon by the Cardinal in Baltimore in which he instructed the Catholics throughout the country how to vote and act toward the questions of the election of senators by popular vote, and the initiative, referendum and recall.

That a Catholic party is being formed in America is just as certain as that the Roman Catholics have a clerical party in Austria, Mexico, France, Italy, Belgium and England. Indeed, it is international.

The hierarchy is urging organization and political action all over the world. Secret rebellion is going on in every nation lead by Jesuits, skilled in political intrigue. The Christian Standard, Cincinnati, Ohio, says: "Up to the present time Rome has been in politics in this country only in a semi-secret fashion. True to her past, she has done her real work in darkness, leaving the much lauded charitable institutions—supported largely from public funds, and boycotted Protestants to represent her to the public."

"It is not a problem of taxation as our Catholic friends would have the public believe, nor one of education purely." It is politics through and through. It is the ambition of Rome for ages to rule the world and call it the "Holy Roman Empire," in which kings and presidents must bow to the pope and flags of all nations be lowered to the flag of the Vatican.

It is a serious business in this fair land. The blight and superstition of the despotism that has darkened the intellects and consciences of millions and brought poverty and wretchedness to nations is in a political and economic conspiracy against our free institutions.

The Catholic political party is doing business in America.

The politicians recognize it, if you do not. "The tall representative of Rome, Falconio, who tips-toes through the halls and corridors at Washington is in close touch with the Jesuits and priests all over the country, and the priests whisper their instructions in the confessional and in the meetings of the Catholic Societies, and votes are delivered wrapped up in resolutions and public addresses. The politicians understand it, and kneel and kiss the pope's toe."

So then we have a Roman Catholic party in the United States, as in other countries. It is active in Rome and Belgium, it is busy here.

In Pittsburgh, Pa., a Catholic paper designates certain judges that Roman Catholic voters are expected to support. To secure the judiciary of the United States and the several states is the work out of this country. This is to be accomplished by the clerical Roman Catholic party, now one of the political forces in America.

### MORE DRESS PARADES

Says the New York World:

"When Cardinal Farley returns from Rome late in December a big celebration will be held in his honor. The plans for the celebration will be discussed at a special meeting to be held next Monday night at the residence of Mr. Lavelle. The meeting has been called by Frank Smith, president of the Federation of Catholic Clubs. It is planned to make the celebration a civic one."

It is positively un-American and unconstitutional to make the city celebrate a sectarian event. Yet this is what will be attempted by both New York and Boston.

Mr. Phelan, the priest who edits the Romanist weekly, "The Western Watchman," at St. Louis, Mo., in a recent issue, referring to certain Romanist girls who attended a wedding at an Episcopal church, said: "We would like to know to whom do these devilish little slippery Catholics go to confession? If there is any reasonable way of going to hell they will be sure to discover it."

### SHAPING PUBLIC OPINION

Why the excessive laudation of Gibbons and the hierarchy? Why the parade? Why the newspaper display and overwork? If done in a court room, on the street, in the paper, it would indicate that the trial depended on paper rather than truth and right. The Roman church feels itself on trial. It has no case, no religious life, hence the display. Its show of numbers—its tinzel—big-sounding names—its rich dressings and fanfares. Anything to impress and awe the gaping multitude, knowing that the whole demonstration was a stage play for the public.

All these things are evidences of a weak and weakening cause. Capable men don't need bolstering; professional men abhor a charlatan and a mountebank. Some of the more sober Roman Catholic papers are calling a halt on this trumpeting and are saying, "now let us get down to business," whatever that means.

But the old fossilized institution, the old antiquated mystified pagan religion must be galvanized into seeming life, or the great new world will pass it up.

Poor old Scarlet woman, her painted face is an evidence that youth and beauty has fled, and her fine clothes can not cover her ugliness. America sees through the sham.

### THE ANTI-CUSSERS

The Menace has a subscriber in Cincinnati who is evidently not accustomed to witness the spectacle of kissing the pope's toe, at least he writes as though it was nauseating. His letter follows:

I am a subscriber to your paper, having only recently added my name to the list. I like it. Here is a little matter that will be interesting, I know. Two weeks ago last Sunday, the Holy Name societies of all the Catholic churches in this diocese, had a parade. According to their own statement of objects of the organization, it is to bring together all Catholic men who pledge themselves to abstain from the use of profanity, to keep the Sabbath and live right lives. From this, I infer that all other Catholics who are not members of this particular organization are not averse to "cussing," prostituting the Sabbath and live any old kind of a life they want to.

A little incident of the occasion here was very noticeable. Cincinnati, like all metropolitan cities, has a street cleaning department. This consists of sprinkling wagons, horse sweepers and a whole army of men called "white wings," who scrape the streets with metal scrapers, sweeping the piles into the gutters where the rubbish is removed in wagons. These men are dressed in white, hence the term, "white wings." Well, on that Sunday this entire aggregation of "white wings" was called out by the city officials to clean the streets that their Catholic friends might tread the streets without fear of soiling their patent leathers. This sight was never witnessed before in this city. They fixed everything tidy and neat for them.

### PRIESTS AND THE BIBLE

Robert Speer is reported as saying that after six months traveling in South America, he never saw greater darkness except in Central Africa, and that he went into the Catholic churches in South America, where after diligent inquiry he found only one Bible, and that a Protestant Bible about to be burned. The Bible is not in their churches, much less in their homes.

Many priests have confessed that although they have been priests for years, they have never read the Bible. All they know of the Bible is that found in the misal, the book containing the service of the mass; and that found in the breviary, the book containing the prayers of the Roman Catholic church.

Recently the city of Buenos Ayres, Argentina, the Rev. Mr. Pensotti, a priest, was reported as having been found for a whole day trying to find a Catholic Bible, visiting all the stores of the city where the book might be found. Near the close of the day he did find a Catholic Bible, but the price of it was thirty dollars gold. How many Protestant people could pay such a price? But think of having to tramp all day, from bookstore to bookstore in vain search for the Bible in one of the largest cities of the world!—Guatemala Messenger.

### PREFERS THE PENITENTIARY

Mary Leahy Did Not Want to Return to Home From Which She Escaped.

From Buffalo Enquirer, Nov. 14.

"Send me to the penitentiary, Judge, not to a home," pleaded Mary Leahy, one of the unfortunate women, whose love for drink has been her downfall, as she was brought before Judge Judge in city court this morning. "I'm sick. I have trouble with my lungs and I should have a doctor's care

every day. Maybe I'm past cure now, but I'd like to have a chance anyway. At the penitentiary I'll get good care and they'll fix me up if there's any chance."

Mary Leahy, currently thirty years old, still rather pretty in spite of the life she has led and who was, not many years ago, an artist of some promise, seemed to be in the last stages of consumption as she hunched upon the rail in front of the judge. She had been found at Michigan and Seneca streets last night in a half-frozen condition. She was wanted for escaping from the House of the Good Shepherd, where she was to have stayed for a term of six months. Mary and Minnie Driscoll, both in for a term of six months, made their escape from that institution last Saturday night by climbing over a twelve-foot fence.

Judge Judge advised the woman that she would have to serve out the rest of her term, which was about four months. Judge Judge said he had no power to change her place of servitude.

### THE ONE ONLY WEAPON!

By M. M. SWNGER

Political Romanism can be defeated in the United States by the use of one only weapon. The Roman American can see this the better for us and our children.

A law of congress, or an amendment to the constitution, requiring Romanists to renounce their political allegiance to the pope would amount to a legislative farce, just so long as the pope claims power to absolve oaths and allegiance to governments—as long as Romanism may swear with mental reservations contrary to the plain meaning of the language of the oath.

These are two of Rome's strongest pillars of power, and she will never abandon them. The hierarchy hates our free government and democratic institutions, and will overthrow them if she can. Americans are strong enough to defeat the papal hosts if they will use their weapons. To use this weapon effectively, political parties must be regarded as a secondary consideration.

Where, and whenever, a Romanist presents himself for office, from constable to president, regardless of the party bringing him out, and regardless of the party to which you belong, vote against him. No difference what he claims, if he is a papist, in a crisis he will obey the voice of his ecclesiastical lords. Defeat him at the polls. Make sure of his official death.

Your vote is the only weapon that can do it. Romanists have but one real allegiance, viz., to the hierarchy, and but one real object in seeking official place, viz., the advancement of the papal system.

Mark those who pander to the hierarchy and court the good will of priests. If they secure offices they will prefer these that can control votes. The papacy can do this. Their preferences and their appointments will go to Romanists. Cut this kind short at the polls. Do it regardless of the party they espouse. This is the only way.

See that you do it. This method will produce a peaceful destruction of the papal element in American political life, and remove the most dangerous power that threatens our government today.

A defeat at the polls today is far better than a defeat at arms tomorrow.

Acknowledgment of conditions as they really are, and sensible, positive action now will avoid more desperate means later, when Rome shall challenge the military strength of Americans.

Democracy and Republicanism mean nothing to Rome as against the "Mother church." They should mean nothing to us as against Romanism.

### YOU, TOO, CHAMP?

The Buffalo Evening News says: "Speaker Champ Clark of the house of representatives has promised to send a fine plump turkey from his farm at Bowling Green, Mo., to his friend Rev. W. J. Kerwin, rector of Holy Angels' church, Porter avenue, for the annual Thanksgiving tombola (whatever that is—Ed.) of Holy Angels' parish, which opens at the church school on West avenue on Monday evening, November 27."

There is no question now but what Clark is in the presidential race for fair.

"Thought should be allowed to circulate as air; even error should be free to come or go, for truth will overtake and conquer it."

### GOT HER WINGS SCORCHED

Jackson, O., Nov. 3, 1911.

The Menace, Aurora, Mo.

Dear Sir: We had an election here yesterday. Rome has been planning to spread her wings over everything of importance, politically, in this county for quite a while. Yesterday she got her wings beautifully scorched, and a goodly portion of the credit is due The Menace. Yours, etc.,